



**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2014
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton
Meeting Room A**

----- Agenda Topics -----

Topic		Notes
1. Approval of Minutes	Ira Berkowitz	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Ira Berkowitz	
3. MSD Report on Anderson Park	MSD	
4. Shaw Park Master Plan Overlay	Patty DeForrest	
5. Director's Report	Patty DeForrest	
6. Old Business/New Business	Ira Berkowitz	

Attachments:

Minutes

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2014

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 13, 2014

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Ira Berkowitz, Michelle Harris, Darryl Higuchi, Jane Klammer, David LaGesse, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel and Eric Schneider

Absent: Cynthia Garnholz, Mark Stapleton and Melanie Tamsky

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Dan Krewson, Toni Siering and Denise Ucinski

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 8 meeting were approved as submitted.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Dog Park Operations

Anderson Dog Park policy and procedure information was provided to the Commission. Ms. DeForrest notified the Commission that one dog has been banned from the park for being too aggressive. A meeting with dog park members will be held to discuss proper usage of the small dog and large dog areas.

Primary topics discussed were: the policy on maximum number of dogs and residency of members. A guideline for the number of dogs was set early in the planning process and was based on having a one acre dog park in Clayton Shaw Park. Now that the city has a 1.8 acre dog park, limiting the amount of memberships to two hundred seems small.

Ms. Siering referenced the Dog Park Quick reference guide which showed a comparison of the Clayton Dog Park to other dog parks in the St. Louis area. Many comments she has received from members indicate that there are not enough dogs for their dogs to socialize. Ms. Siering recommended that the number of dogs should be increased to three hundred. Dog Park member, Ms. Fisher reported that the prime usage at the park is on Saturday and Sunday in the morning and afternoon as well as week days from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm. The most dogs in the park at one time is about thirty.

Since the dog park has been open for a year now is the time to evaluate operations. Ms. DeForrest suggested opening to non-residents and charging them a higher membership fee. After a brief discussion of operations and review of the dog park quick reference guide, Ms. Klammer made a motion to increase the number of dogs to three hundred and open the dog park to corporate and non-residents. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Shaw Park Master Plan Overlay

Ms. DeForrest read the Shaw Park Master Plan Overlay section of November 2013 minutes in order to recap past discussions. Last fall, the priority projects were approved by the Commission as well as the BOA. The following revisions were recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission: reorder projects A, B & C, stress Clayton School District ownership of property related to the link portion of the plan, additional projects to be listed as potential, eliminate teen zone, talk about general concepts like landscaping and stormwater improvements. The changes were incorporated by SWT, and then the Shaw Park Master Plan Overlay was set aside for consideration later due to the election. Ms. DeForrest reviewed the three priority projects with the Commission. Project A: North Entry at Brentwood and Forsyth. There is a donor interested in funding the north hill project. A discussion has to take place to see if this donor is willing to cover the endowment for maintenance of \$125,000 per year. Currently the north hill project is in the conceptual phase; it will need to be vetted and a final plan with construction documents will be developed if the donor commits to fully fund the project and the ongoing maintenance.

Project B: Century Garden Dining Entrance. This project is tied directly to the multipurpose facility; therefore it would be best to complete projects B & C together.

Project C: Multipurpose Facility. This project was one of the bond issues on the ballot in April that did not pass. Since that time a small committee was formed to develop potential plans for the best way to move forward with the facility. Ms. Harris said charts have been developed for the ice rink showing different options, costs associated with each option and where to get the necessary funding. These charts will be reviewed at the November meeting and presented to the BOA in mid-November. This report includes a recommendation to include several questions about the facility on the community survey next fall. Ms. DeForrest stated the multipurpose facility project will not move forward quickly because there is no funding.

The Commission agreed to vote on the Shaw Park Master Plan Overlay at next month's meeting.

Director's Report:

Awards - The Shaw Park Aquatic Center received the Best Outdoor Aquatic Center award from the River Front Times. The Shaw Park Tennis Center received the Best Tennis Courts in St. Louis award from the USTA, and USTA also nominated the Tennis Center for a state award.

Staff is prepping the ice rink. Interior work is underway at the Hanley House. Overall this year the department will be focusing on maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Programs – This year the youth soccer and volleyball leagues reached record high numbers. Unfortunately rain has been an issue for soccer. Fitness programs are going strong and have a good program base. Aquatic programming slows down a little during this time of the year but programs are still going well.

Events – The final event of the year is Party in the Patch which will be held on Friday, October 17 in Shaw Park. Esley Hamilton, St. Louis County Historian, will be speaking on the History of St. Louis County Parks on October 22 at 7:00 pm at The Center of Clayton.

Old Business / New Business:

There was no old or new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski



City of Clayton's November& December Special Events

Wednesday, November 19 – CCF History Speaker Series: The final Clayton Century Foundation-History Speaker Series event of 2014 will look at the holiday traditions of the Campbell and Hanley families. Taking place at the Campbell House Museum in St. Louis at 7:00 pm, this unique lecture will examine the differences between these contemporary families living in 19th century St. Louis City and County. Featured speakers are Andy Hahn, Executive Director of the Campbell House Museum and Sarah Umlauf, Curator of the Historic Hanley House. This event is free and open to the public but space is limited and registration is required. Please contact Sarah Umlauf to register: sumlauf@claytonmo.gov

Friday, November 21 – Youth Activity Center Gobble Wobble Party: This event will be held from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm for children ages 6-13. The evening will be filled with turkey dancing, games and crafts followed by a movie. The party is free for Center members.

Friday, November 28 - Shaw Park Ice Rink Opening Day: Shaw Park Ice Rink will be open from 12:00 pm-10:30 pm, weather permitting. Opening Day kicks off the start to our 2014/2015 season. To help get the season started; hot chocolate and treats will be available throughout the day.

Saturday, November 29 – Holiday Shop and Stroll: Visit Clayton's small businesses from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm to get started on your holiday shopping, as many specials will be offered. Fun holiday entertainment at various locations such as carriage rides, carolers and music. Be sure to enter to win wonderful Clayton baskets at the participating retail shops.

Friday, December 5 – Snowman Skate: Come visit the Shaw Park Ice Rink for a Skate Night with Frosty the Snowman from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The ice rink is open to the public with \$3.00 admission and free skate rentals. Frosty the Snowman will be on the ice with the kids! There will be hot chocolate and cookies in the warming hut.

Saturdays in December – Holiday Tours at Hanley House: Beginning December 6, the Historic Hanley House will offer Holiday tours of the museum every Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The museum will be decorated for the holidays and guests will enjoy hot wassail on the tour. No reservations are required.

Friday, December 19 – Youth Activity Center Winter Wonderland Party: This event will be held from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm for children ages 6-13. The evening will be filled with dancing, games and crafts followed by a movie. The party is free for Center members.

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Special Hours at Shaw Park Ice Rink: The Shaw Park Ice Rink will have extended hours on New Year's Eve to provide a great outdoor experience for family and friends of all ages. The rink will be open from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm. There will be hot chocolate, holiday treats and a wood-burning fire for everyone to enjoy. It is a great way to celebrate New Year's Eve and be home in time to ring in 2015!